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Introduced by:

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REP. FREY, 111th Dist.

REP. BOUCHER, 143rd Dist.

REP. FEDELE, 147th Dist.

***RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF JOHN
MATTHEWS, OF NEW CANAAN.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut suffered a great loss when
2 former state senator and representative John Grennell Matthews died
3 at his New Canaan home on March 1; and

4 WHEREAS, he was a devoted family member who was also known
5 for his kindness and gentleness to his friends and colleagues; and

6 WHEREAS, John Matthews, age 83, served four terms in the House
7 of Representatives and four terms in the Senate, representing New
8 Canaan, Westport, Weston, Wilton, and Ridgefield; and

9 WHEREAS, he was awarded degrees from Yale and New York

10 University; and

11 WHEREAS, he was dedicated to the preservation of the Connecticut
12 tradition of fostering economic progress to improve the standard of
13 living for all the people and to provide essential services and needs for
14 those deserving of them; and

15 WHEREAS, John, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, on October
16 27, 1917, is survived by his wife, Rachel Coder Matthews, three
17 daughters, a stepson and eight grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, a
19 director of the New Canaan United Way and chaired many area
20 boards and commissions; and

21 WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly as a legislator and as a private
22 citizen to secure the funding and support necessary to establish Weir
23 Farm, the state's only national historic park; and

24 WHEREAS, he was a devoted fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers; and

25 WHEREAS, the members of the Connecticut General Assembly,
26 together with the entire citizenry of the State, join the family, friends
27 and colleagues of John Matthews to mourn his loss.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the
29 Connecticut General Assembly honor and remember with respect and
30 affection John Matthews, and express their sincere and heartfelt
31 condolences on his death, which is a profound loss to the people of the
32 State of Connecticut; and

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be
34 presented to the family of John Grennell Matthews as an expression of
35 the respect, affection, and high esteem in which he was held.